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Mayor Tom Dolan
Sandy City
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Sandy, Utah 84070

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RE: Sandy Smelters Site

Dear Mayor Dolan:

I received your April 4, 1997 letter requesting that EPA begin a facilitated process to resolve the outstanding issues associated with the cleanup of the Sandy Smelters site. I recognize that after three years of phased clean up projects, you are anxious for a final determination of whether our goals of protecting public health and the environment have been met. I welcome your suggestion of a facilitated process which will allow greater community input into that determination.

Since receiving your letter, EPA's Sandy Smelters site team has begun the necessary preparatory work to contract a facilitator who will meet the needs of all the parties involved. The team is working to arrange a meeting with representatives of Sandy, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, and Asarco to agree on a scope, to discuss the roles of each party, and to define the characteristics of an acceptable facilitator. Once those discussions take place, we are ready to contract with the appropriate firm and begin the process.

Please be assured that I support the use of a facilitated process for the Sandy Smelters site. While EPA is responsible for choosing an appropriate clean up strategy for Superfund sites, I intend to provide you and your community with meaningful input into that choice. The recommendations of stakeholders which will result from the facilitated discussions will be seriously considered in the decision for the Sandy Smelters site.



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As always, if you'd like to discuss any aspect of the site further, please contact me.
You may also contact EPA's project manager, Bonnie Lavelle, at (303) 312-6579. We look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Deery Cmelson, Acting

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